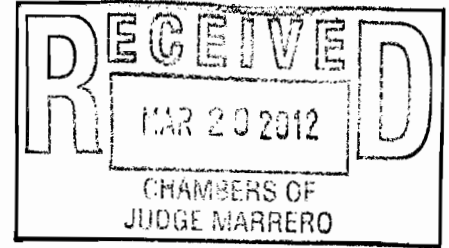


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Hon. Victor Marrero
United States District Judge
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Mindyuk, Vitaliy
Docket No.: 11 Cr. 614 (VM)

Dear Judge Marrero:

I represent Vitaliy Mindyuk in this case and I am requesting to engage the services of Jim Dowd as my investigator in this matter. Mr. Dowd, a former supervising detective in NYPD, has worked with me on a number of cases. His billing rate is \$85.00 per hour plus out of pocket expenses. I am applying here for authorization of 45 hours, plus out of pocket expenses with the understanding that if this is not sufficient, I may apply for more.

Very truly yours,

Frederick H. Cohn

